

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/811,428

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP.1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/16/07
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 21 are currently pending. Claims 1-4 are compound claims.

Claims 6 and 7 are composition claims. Claims 8-19 and 21 are method of using claims. The application concerns some pyrazole compounds, compositions, and uses thereof.

Claims 8-19 and 21 have been rejoined because Examiner has withdrawn his former rejections, *infra*.

Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 21 are under examination.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In a telephone discussion dated January 12, 2007, Applicant gave Examiner authorization for this Examiner's Amendment.

3. The Application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8: DELETE "conditions" found on the first line and REPLACE it with "rheumatoid arthritis".

Claims 9-19 and 21: CANCELLED.

Abstract: DELETE "conditions" found on the third line and REPLACE it with "rheumatoid arthritis".

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the elected invention is free of the prior art and the form of the application is acceptable. The closest prior art is Knegtel, et al., WO 02/22601. The aryl group of the compound found in this reference must be five-membered whereas the ring disclosed in instant application is limited to six-membered rings only. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. Applicant's amendment of the claims have successfully obviated this rejection. As such, the prior rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. Applicant's amendment of the claims have successfully obviated this rejection. As such, the prior rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. Applicant's amendment of the claims have successfully obviated this rejection. As such, the prior rejection is withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Erich A. Leeser whose telephone number is 571-272-9932. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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